

Monday, March 30, 1998

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2731–S2779

Measures Introduced: Four bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1879–1882 and S. Res. 201 and 202. **Page S2764**

Measures Passed:

Extension of Reporting Deadline: Committee on Intelligence was discharged from further consideration of S. 1751, to extend the deadline for submission of a report by the Commission to Assess the Organization of the Federal Government to Combat the Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction, and the bill was then passed. **Page S2778**

Authorization of Representation by Senate Legal Counsel: Senate agreed to S. Res. 202, to authorize representation by Senate Legal Counsel. **Pages S2778–79**

Congressional Budget: Senate resumed consideration of S. Con. Res. 86, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal years 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, and 2003 and revising the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 1998, taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows: **Pages S2733–59**

Pending:

Murray Amendment No. 2165, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund to reduce class size by hiring 100,000 teachers. **Page S2733**

Sessions/Enzi Amendment No. 2166, to express the sense of Congress that the Federal Government should acknowledge the importance of at-home parents and should not discriminate against families who forego a second income in order for a mother or father to be at home with their children. **Pages S2736–42, S2757**

Gregg Amendment No. 2167, to express the sense of the Senate that this resolution assumes that no immunity from liability will be provided to any manufacturer of a tobacco product. **Pages S2742–47**

Gregg/Conrad Amendment No. 2168 (to Amendment No. 2167), of a perfecting nature. **Page S2747**

Kyl Amendment No. 2169, to express the sense of the Congress regarding freedom of health care choice for medicare seniors. **Page S2747**

Conrad (for Dodd) Amendment No. 2173, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund for child care improvements. **Page S2754**

Conrad/Lautenberg/Bingaman/Reed Amendment No. 2174, to ensure that the tobacco reserve fund in the resolution protects public health. **Pages S2754–57**

Conrad (for Moseley-Braun) Amendment No. 2175, to express the sense of the Senate regarding elementary and secondary school modernization and construction. **Page S2755**

Conrad (for Boxer) Amendment No. 2176, to increase Function 500 discretionary budget authority and outlays to accommodate an initiative promoting after-school education and safety. **Page S2755**

Brownback Amendment No. 2177, to express the sense of the Senate regarding economic growth, Social Security, and Government efficiency. **Pages S2757–58**

Burns Amendment No. 2178, to express the sense of the Senate regarding the use of agricultural trade programs to promote the export of United States agricultural commodities and products. **Pages S2758–59**

A unanimous-consent time-agreement was reached providing for further consideration of Amendment No. 2166, listed above, on Tuesday, March 31, 1998, with a vote to occur thereon. **Page S2779**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 12 noon, and adjourned at 6:33 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Tuesday, March 31, 1998. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record, on page S2779.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Elaine D.

Kaplan, of the District of Columbia, to be Special Counsel, Office of Special Counsel, and Ruth Y. Goldway, of California, to be a Commissioner of the Postal Rate Commission, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 21 public bills, H.R. 3581–3601; and 3 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 254–255, and H. Res. 401 were introduced. Page H1776

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 2574, to consolidate certain mineral interests in the National Grasslands in Billings County, North Dakota, through the exchange of Federal and private mineral interests to enhance land management capabilities and environmental and wildlife protection (H. Rept. 105–471);

H.R. 1151, to amend the Federal Credit Union Act to clarify existing law and ratify the longstanding policy of the National Credit Union Administration Board with regard to field of membership of Federal credit unions, amended (H. Rept. 105–472);

H. Res. 402, providing for consideration of H.R. 3579, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998 (H. Rept. 105–473); and

H. Res. 403, providing for consideration of H.R. 10, to enhance competition in the financial services industry by providing a prudential framework for the affiliation of banks, securities firms, and other financial service providers (H. Rept. 105–474). Page H1776

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Petri to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H1701

Recess: The House recessed at 1:02 p.m. and reconvened at 2:00 p.m. Page H1704

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Casper, Wyoming National Historic Trails Interpretive Center: H.R. 2186, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide assistance to the National Historic Trails Interpretive Center in Casper, Wyoming; Pages H1707–09

Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation Reauthorization Act: H.R. 3113, to reauthorize the Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation Act of 1994; Pages H1710–11

Consolidation of Mineral Interests in Billings County, North Dakota: S. 750, to consolidate certain mineral interests in the National Grasslands in Billings County, North Dakota, through the exchange of Federal and private mineral interests to enhance land management capabilities and environmental and wildlife protection—clearing the measure for the President; Pages H1711–13

Blackhawk Helicopters for Colombian National Police: H.R. 398, amended, urging the President to expeditiously procure and provide three UH–60L Blackhawk utility helicopters to the Colombian National Police solely for the purpose of assisting the Colombian National Police to perform their responsibilities to reduce and eliminate the production of illicit drugs in Colombia and the trafficking of such illicit drugs, including the trafficking of drugs such as heroin and cocaine to the United States. Agreed to amend the title; Pages H1713–20

Iran Missile Protection Act: H.R. 2786, amended, to authorize additional appropriations for the Department of Defense for ballistic missile defenses and other measures to counter the emerging threat posed to the United States and its allies in the Middle East and Persian Gulf region by the development and deployment of ballistic missiles by Iran. Agreed to amend the title; Pages H1721–26

Illegal Foreign Contributions Act: H.R. 34, amended, amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to prohibit individuals who are not citizens of the United States from making contributions or expenditures in connection with an election for Federal office (passed by yeas and nays vote of 369 yeas to 43 nays with 1 voting present, Roll No. 82); Pages H1739–48, S1764–65

Campaign Reporting and Disclosure Act: H.R. 3582, to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to expedite the reporting of information to

the Federal Election Commission, to expand the type of information required to be reported to the Commission, to promote the effective enforcement of campaign laws by the Commission (passed by a yeas and nays vote of 405 yeas to 6 nays with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 84). **Pages H1754–64, H1766**

Suspensions Failed: The House failed suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Campaign Reform and Election Integrity Act of 1998: H.R. 3581, to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to reform the financing of campaigns for election for Federal office (failed to pass by a yeas and nays vote of 74 yeas to 337 nays with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 81); and

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Paycheck Protection Act: H.R. 2608, to protect individuals from having money involuntarily collected and used for political activities by a corporation or labor organization (failed to pass by a yeas and nays vote of 166 yeas to 246 nays with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 83). **Pages H1748–54, H1765–66**

Recess: The House recessed at 3:34 p.m. and reconvened at 6:00 p.m. **Page H1721**

Funeral Committee: Pursuant to H.Res. 395, the Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Representatives Skeen, Gingrich, Redmond, Sensenbrenner, Johnson of Connecticut, Barton of Texas, Gallegly, McNulty, Paxon, Rohrabacher, Mica, Ehlers, Shadegg, and Campbell to the Committee to attend the funeral of the late Honorable Steven Schiff. **Page H1721**

Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Berry wherein he resigned from the Committee on Small Business. **Page H1767**

Recess: The House recessed at 11:12 p.m. and reconvened at 12:48. **Page H1770**

Amendments: Amendment ordered printed pursuant to the rule appears on page H1777.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yeas and nays votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H1764, H1764–65, H1765–66, and H1766. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 12:50 a.m. on Tuesday, March 31.

Committee Meetings

OVERSIGHT—USDA DEBT COLLECTION

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology held an oversight hearing on USDA Debt Collection. Testimony was heard from

Linda Calbom, Director, Civil Audits, GAO; and the following officials of the USDA: Sally Thompson, Chief Financial Officer; Keith Kelly, Administrator, Farm Service Agency; Wally B. Beyer, Administrator, Rural Utilities Service; and Jan E. Shadburn, Administrator, Rural Housing Service.

WTO-DISPUTE SETTLEMENT BODY

Committee on International Relations and Oversight: Subcommittee on International Economic Policy and Trade held a hearing on WTO-Dispute Settlement Body. Testimony was heard from Alan Larson, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs, Department of State; Susan G. Esserman, General Counsel, Office of the U.S. Trade Representative; and public witnesses.

EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a recorded vote of 8 to 4, a modified closed rule providing one hour of general debate on H.R. 3579, Emergency Supplemental Appropriations for fiscal year 1998 equally divided and controlled between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives points of order against consideration of the bill for failure to comply with clause 2(1)(6) of rule XI (requiring a three-day lay-over of the committee report), clause 7 of rule XXI (requiring the three-day availability of relevant printed hearings and reports on general appropriations bills), or section 306 of the Budget Act of 1974 (prohibiting consideration of legislation within the jurisdiction of the Budget Committee unless reported by that committee). The rule provides an additional 30 minutes of debate on the provision of the bill (Title III) relating to the prohibition on the use of funds for military operations against Iraq equally divided between Mr. Skaggs and an opponent. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule provides that the amendments printed in part 1 of the Rules Committee report shall be considered as adopted. The rule waives points of order against the bill, as amended, for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule XXI (prohibiting unauthorized appropriations or legislative provisions in a general appropriations bill) or clause 6 of rule XXI (prohibiting reappropriations). The rule makes in order the amendment printed in part 2 of the Rules Committee report and provides that such amendment may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for a division of the question. All points of order are waived against the

amendment. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Livingston, Neumann, Tiahrt, Chambliss, Coburn, Kim, Obey, Skaggs, Pelosi, Frank of Massachusetts, Clayton, Klink, Bishop, and Jackson-Lee of Texas.

FINANCIAL SERVICES ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a modified closed rule on H.R. 10, Financial Services Act of 1997, providing two hours of general debate equally divided between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Banking and Financial Services and one hour equally divided between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Commerce. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in part 1 of the report of the Committee on Rules be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and that it shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment in the nature of a substitute. The rule provides that no amendment to the amendment in the nature of a substitute shall be in order except those printed in part 2 of the Rules Committee report, which may only be offered in the order printed in the report, may only be offered by the Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment except as specified in the report, and shall not be subject to a demand for a division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. All points of order are waived against the amendments printed in the report. The rule allows the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone recorded votes and reduce to five minutes the voting time on any postponed question, provided that the voting time on the first in any series of questions is not less than fifteen minutes. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Leach, Representatives McCollum, Roukema, Baker, Bachus, Campbell, Metcalf, Sessions, Oxley, LaFalce, Vento, Barrett of Wisconsin, Bentsen, Dingell, and Clyburn.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 1998

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for the Commodity Futures Trading Commission and the Food and Drug Administration, 10 a.m., SD-138.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for the Department of Justice's counterterrorism programs, 10 a.m., SD-192.

Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for foreign assistance programs, focusing on the Caspian energy program, 10:30 a.m., SD-124.

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to resume hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1999 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on strategic nuclear policy and related matters, 9:30 a.m., SR-222.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine, to hold hearings on S. 1802, authorizing funds for fiscal years 1999 through 2001 for the Surface Transportation Board, Department of Transportation, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, to hold hearings on S. 1100, to amend the Covenant to Establish a Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in Political Union with the United States of America, the legislation approving such covenant, and S. 1275, to implement further the Act (Public Law 94-241) approving the Covenant to Establish a Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in Political Union with the United States of America, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Finance, business meeting, to mark up proposed legislation to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to restructure and reform the Internal Revenue Service, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Labor and Human Resources, to hold hearings to examine issues relating to charter schools, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, to hold hearings to examine tobacco-related compensation and associated issues, 10 a.m., SD-106.

Special Committee on Aging, to hold hearings to examine the effect on seniors of policy changes to home health care provisions under Medicare, focusing on the Interim Payment System, venipuncture, and surety bonds, 10 a.m., SD-628.

NOTICE

For a listing of Senate committee meetings scheduled ahead, see pages E522–23 in today's Record.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary, on Immigration and Naturalization Service, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn, on the U.S. Trade Representative, 2 p.m., and the International Trade Administration, 3 p.m., H-309 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, on Congressional and Public Witnesses, 9:30 a.m., H-144 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Interior, on National Park Service, 10 a.m., and on National Forest Service, 1:30 p.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, on Vocational and Adult Education, Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, 10 a.m., and on Educational Research and Improvements and the Office of Inspector General, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies, on NASA, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Banking and Financial Services, Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, hearing to examine the increase in counterfeiting using personal computers, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, Task Force on Budget Process, hearing on Joint Budget Resolution (Should the Budget be a Law?), 9 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Commerce, Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection, hearing on reauthorization of the FCC, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on American

Work Project: Workplace Competitive Issues, 2 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, hearing on FEC Enforcement Actions: Foreign Campaign Contributions and Other FECA Violations, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, hearing on U.S. Counter-Narcotics Policy Towards Colombia, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights, hearing on the Betrayal of Srebrenica: Why did the Massacre Happen? Will It Happen Again?, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, to consider H.R. 2400, Building Efficient Surface Transportation and Equity Act of 1998, 1 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, Subcommittee on Basic Research and the Subcommittee on Technology, joint oversight hearing on Domain Names Systems: Where Do We Go From Here? 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, oversight hearing on Electricity Deregulation: Implications for Research and Development and Renewable Energy, 10 a.m., 2325 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, hearing on Proposals for a Water Resources Development Act of 1998, 9:30 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Oversight, on the 1998 Tax Return Filing Season and the IRS Budget for Fiscal Year 1999, 2 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Trade, hearing on Free Trade Area of the Americas, 2:30 p.m., B-318 Rayburn.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, hearing on Human Intelligence and Covert Action, 6 p.m., H-405, Capitol.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Tuesday, March 31

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Senate will resume consideration of S. Con. Res. 86, Congressional Budget.

(Senate will recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for respective party conferences.)

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9:30 a.m., Tuesday, March 31

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday, Consideration of H.R. 3579, Emergency Supplemental Appropriations for fiscal year 1998 (modified closed rule, 1 hour of general debate); and

Consideration of H.R. 10, Financial Services Act of 1997 (modified closed rule, 2 hours of general debate).

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